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Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL) Biweekly Update:

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An update from the Fairfax County Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL), serving Fairfax County faith communities and faith- and community-based organizations by sharing information, resources, training, linkages, and partnership and collaboration opportunities, and by coordinating human service-oriented meetings, workshops, and events for the Fairfax County faith community. The Community Interfaith Liaison Office is part of the Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services, located at 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 220, Fairfax, Virginia 22035. For information, please telephone (703) 324-3453 or e-mail hprym1@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dsm/cil/default.htm

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Accommodations:

Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all county programs, services and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats for Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) meetings and Community Interfaith Liaison Office meetings, events, and workshops will be provided upon request. Please call Holly Prymak at (703) 324-3453 or TTY (703) 803-7914 to request special accommodations or if you have any questions or concerns. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.

Feature Article:

Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

Do you have concerns about a family member who receives long-term care services? Are you looking for information on any of these services? The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is a free public service and can help!

The mission of the Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is to advocate for persons receiving long-term care services. The program's staff can provide information on the complaint track record of providers in the community to help consumers make better informed choices. The staff assists consumers in exercising their rights by counseling, investigating, or mediating to resolve complaints involving quality of care issues.

The Ombudsman Program also has volunteers who visit assigned nursing facilities and assisted living facilities each week. Volunteers act as observers, mediators, advocates, and sounding boards for residents and their family members.

For more information on the program, including how to become a Volunteer Ombudsman, call 703-324-5861 or visit our web-site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ombudsman. We are located at the Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 708, Fairfax, VA 22035-1104.

For your convenience, several attachments, including a brochure, fact sheet, short paragraph for use in bulletins, and a flyer, are provided.

Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) Meeting - Wednesday, May 14th:

Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) - An interfaith coalition of churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, faith and community-based organizations, and government agencies gathering to learn and share information to better address human services needs in Fairfax County, Virginia.

All faith communities are invited to attend the upcoming Wednesday, May 14th, 2003 meeting.

Wednesday, May 14th, 2003, from 2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m., in Conference Rooms **4 & 5** of the Fairfax County Government Center, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia.

All faith communities are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring announcements about their upcoming community meetings, speaker events, workshops, and human services project announcements. Questions? Call Sandra Chisholm at (703) 324-5185 or e-mail at schish@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The May 14th agenda will include:

- *Gang Prevention - Community Seminar Series Report. Presentation by Ellen Tuyahov, Region III Regional Manager*
 - *Fatherhood Collaborative and Fatherhood Week Initiative. Derwin Overton, Program Manager, Fairfax Fatherhood Collaborative*
 - *Housing Forum Presentation. Community Ministry of Northern Virginia and Community Action Advisory Board*
 - *Faith Communities in Action Mission and Structure.*
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Upcoming Events/Workshops/Conferences:

▪ **Thursday, May 8th, 2003**

Join members of your community in the discussion...

Multicultural Town Meeting
***"Building Trust During War:
Dealing with Differences and Embracing Commonality"***
Thursday, May 8th, 2003
6:30p.m. – 9:00p.m.
Hilton Hotel
Alexandria Mark Center
5000 Seminary Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22311

Free Light Refreshments

This Multicultural Town Meeting is sponsored by the Community Resilience Projects of Fairfax-Falls Church and Alexandria Community Services Boards (CSB), and is funded by FEMA, in partnership with George Mason University's Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (ICAR). For more information, please call the Community Resilience Project at (703) 533-5388 or e-mail Pam.Sidel@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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▪ **Friday, May 9th, 2003**

The University of Virginia and the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce present...

Government Contractors Council Training Series
***"Performance-based Contracting and
Performance-based Service Contracting"***
Friday, May 9th, 2003
The University of Virginia
Northern Virginia Center
Fees variable based upon member/non-member status

and
choice of individual seminar/full-day workshop/full series.

Other seminar topics include:

- **Wednesday, May 21, 2003** - Award Term Contracting, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce
- **Wednesday, June 4th, 2003** - Federal Procurement Electronic Commerce, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce

For more information on this training series, including pricing information, please visit www.fccc.org/events/GovConTraining.htm or contact Tekla Monteleon at tekla@virginia.edu.

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▪ **Saturday, May 10th, 2003, and Other Dates**

Operation Match presents...

Free Events
"Roommate Housing Fairs"
Looking for Compatibility?
What are your preferences and needs?

Saturday, May 10th, 2003
10:45a.m. - 1:30p.m.
Falls Church Community Center
223 Little Falls Street
Falls Church, Virginia 22046

Saturday, May 24th, 2003
12:00p.m. - 2:00p.m.
Mount Vernon Recreation Center
2017 Belle View Boulevard
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

Saturday, June 7th, 2003
11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.
Audrey Moore Recreation Center at Wakefield Park
8100 Braddock Road
Annandale, Virginia 22003

For more information about the Roommate Housing Fairs, please call Operation Match at (703) 385-3267.

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▪ **Sunday, May 11th, 2003, and Other Dates**

Washington Plaza Baptist Church announces...

Weekly Event
"Interfaith Candlelight Peace Vigil"
Every Sunday Evening
8:30p.m.

Washington Plaza Baptist Church
*On the Plaza, in front of the church, on Lake Anne.
Reston, Virginia*

For more information, please contact Rev. Sandi John at (703) 471-5225.

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▪ **Monday, May 12th, 2003**

The Community Action Advisory Board...

In conjunction with the Health Care Advisory Board and Inova present...

"Health Care Town Meeting"

Monday, May 12th, 2003

7:00p.m. – 9:30p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center

Board Room

12000 Government Center Parkway

Fairfax, Virginia 22035

Using a national town meeting model, moderator Juan Williams will introduce a range of health care topics, such as prescription drug costs and lack of access to affordable health insurance. Both "experts" and participants will be invited to comment on and share their experiences. The evening will end with a brief brainstorming exercise about what could be done to address the issues discussed.

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▪ **Wednesday, May 14th, 2003, and Other Dates**

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) Prevention Division presents...

Community Forum

"Vicarious Traumatization"

Speaker: Alison Behar, LCSW

Wednesday, May 14th, 2003

Noon – 1:30p.m.

Vienna Presbyterian Church

124 Park Street N.E.

Vienna, Virginia 22180

This presentation will focus on identifying vicarious traumatization, the factors that cause it, its impact on the clinician, and strategies clinicians and supervisors can use to cope with its effects. No registration is required. Bring your own lunch.

Also:

Community Forum

"Hepatitis C and HIV Issues"

Wednesday, June 11th, 2003

Speaker: Gregory Michael

For more information, please call Margaret Kollay at (703) 938-8772.

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- **Wednesday, May 14th, 2003**

Please join us...
Faith Communities In Action (FCIA) Meeting
Wednesday May 14th, 2003
2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 4 & 5
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

Representatives from all faith community congregations are invited. Featured meeting topics are Gang Prevention and the Fatherhood Collaborative. For more information, please call Holly Prymak at (703) 324-3453.

- **Wednesday, May 14th, 2003,...Summer Session Begins - Register Now!**

The Center for Housing Counseling Training presents...

Summer Session Intensive Training Course
“Emergency and Permanent Housing”
Every Wednesday from May 14th – July 30th, 2003
1:00p.m. – 4:30p.m.
South County Government Center
8350 Richmond Highway, Room 221-A
Alexandria, Virginia 22309

Space is Limited
Course Fees:
Early Registration - \$150
Regular Registration - \$180
Group Discounts Available

To register, or for more information, please contact Joann Ochoa at (703) 550-2472 or e-mail joann@christianrelief.org.

- **Thursday May 15th and Thursday, June 19th, 2003**

The Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services presents...

Free Hands-On Training
“Learn How to Use the Human Services Resource Guide”
Thursday, May 15th, 2003; Thursday, June 19th, 2003
Each Thursday session is from 10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

6245 Leesburg Pike, Suite 301
Falls Church, Virginia 22044

To register, please call Resource Information Management Services (RIMS) staff, Norma Bartholomew – (703) 533-5787 or Keisha Dotson – (703) 533-5786, or e-mail wwwrim@fairfaxcounty.gov/rim.

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▪ **Thursday, May 15th, 2003**

The Springfield & Franconia Exchange presents...

Human Services Community Lunch Series
"Disability Services"
Thursday, May 15th, 2003
Lunch: 11:30a.m. - NOON
Presentation: 12:00 - 1:30p.m.
First Baptist Church of Springfield
Fellowship Hall
7300 Gary Street
Springfield, Virginia 22150

Speakers include John Hudson, Director, Disability Services Planning and Development, Fairfax County Department of Family Services, and Charles Greenfield, Legal Services of Northern Virginia. There is no need to RSVP. Coffee and tea will be served. Brown bag lunches are encouraged. For more information or to arrange the accommodations, please call Irmira Howe at (703) 324-7130 or Paulette Whiteside at (703) 324-5285.

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▪ **Friday, May 16th, 2003**

Upcoming Meeting
"Northern Virginia Regional Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)"
Friday, May 16th, 2003
1:30p.m.
Jubilee Christian Center
4650 Shirley Gate Road
Fairfax, Virginia

VOAD is a coalition of non-profit organizations who come together to plan for, coordinate, respond to, and evaluate disaster-related activities by voluntary organizations. It is designed to foster good will, communication, networking, and education among its members and to facilitate, strengthen, and enhance the voluntary community's partnership with government agencies responsible for disaster functions. If you would like more information on the Northern Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), please contact Debra Alich at (703) 924-4064 or e-mail fedvafb@aol.com.

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▪ **Sunday, May 18th, 2003**

Upcoming Training

"Domestic Violence Training Program"

Sunday, May 18th, 2003

10:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

One World Baha'I School

Located at Falls Church High School

For directions, please visit www.owbs.org

Issues covered will include:

- *Basic Facts About Domestic Violence and the Role of Faith Based Communities*
- *Resources and Social Services*
- *Immigration Law and Criminal Law*

For more information, please contact Leila Milani by calling (703) 560-6268 or e-mail lmilani@usbnc.org.

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▪ **Monday, May 19th, 2003**

Central Fairfax Forum presents...

Free Conference on Immigration

"An Overview of Different Aspects of the Immigration Laws"

Monday, May 19th, 2003

9:00a.m. – 2:30p.m.

St. George's United Methodist Church

4910 Ox Road

Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Presentation topics include: ***"Refugees - After Resettlement, Then What?," "Different Status Within Immigration Laws," "Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Discrimination," and "Undocumented Residents."***

This conference is limited to 50 participants. A box lunch may be purchased for \$5.00 or you may bring a brown bag lunch. To register and/or to purchase a Box Lunch, please call Paulette Whiteside at (703) 324-5285.

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▪ **Tuesday, May 27th, 2003**

The University of Virginia (UVA) presents...

Leadership Series Seminar

"Styles and Attitudes of Leaders who Successfully Manage in Tough Times"

Tuesday, May 27th, 2003

6:30p.m. – 9:30p.m.

Northern Virginia Center

7054 Haycock Road

Falls Church, Virginia 22043

Fee: \$65 per person

This seminar will help leaders discover the myriad of ways in which to adapt effective leadership to specific situations in order to bring out the best in the people involved. For more information, please

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▪ **Saturday, May 31st, 2003**

The Fairfax Partnership for Youth and the Fairfax County After-School Network present...

A Countywide Forum on After-School Programs for Middle School Youth

"Too Old for Child Care - Too Young to be Left Alone"

Saturday, May 31st, 2003

9:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

Luther Jackson Middle School

3020 Gallows Road

Falls Church, Virginia

This forum is for everyone interested in keeping our middle school kids safe. Help develop a Community Action Plan on After-School by sharing your ideas on finding resources, building partnerships, developing an advocacy plan, and ensuring quality programs.

Registration is free. Lunch is provided, but you must register for lunch. For more information, please contact Ruth Toxopeus at (703) 324-5580 or e-mail Ruth.Toxopeus@fairfaxcounty.gov or Mark Emery and (202) 326-8699 or e-mail marke@ccsso.org.

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▪ **Saturday, June 7th, 2003**

The Arc of Northern Virginia, in partnership with Annandale United Methodist Church, presents...

Brown Bag Workshop for

Individuals with Disabilities,

Parents of Children of Any Age with Disabilities,

and Professionals Working with People with Disabilities

"Understanding Your Sexuality and

How to Protect Your Safety Zone in Your Community"

Saturday, June 7th, 2003

11:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

Annandale United Methodist Church

Library - First Floor

6935 Columbia Pike

Annandale, Virginia 22003

Guest speakers include Ms. Christine Spencer-Greer of Planned Parenthood, and representatives from the Fairfax County Police Department and Metropolitan Police Department. To RSVP, please call the Arc at (703) 532-3214. Childcare is limited. Please call Debbie Fleischmann, (703) 532-3214, x, 214 for reservations.

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▪ **Tuesday, June 10th, 2003**

Community Ministries of Northern Virginia and the Community Action Advisory Board present...

Housing Forum

"Affordable Housing Provided by the Faithful"

Tuesday, June 10th, 2003

7:30p.m. – 9:00p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center
Board Auditorium
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

Help solve the affordable housing crisis by participating in innovative programs tailored to the ecumenical community. Join us to learn from those who are doing it now.

Sponsors include Community Ministry of Northern Virginia, Lutheran Housing, Good Shepherd Housing, Fairfax County Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB), Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development, and many churches and religious organizations in Northern Virginia.

For more information, please call Trudy Brisendine at (703) 324-7812.

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▪ **Sunday, July 20th - Tuesday, July 22nd, 2003**

Jewish Women International (JWI) presents...

The First International Conference on Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community
"Pursuing Truth, Justice, and Righteousness - A Call to Action"
Sunday, July 20th - Tuesday, July 22nd, 2003
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Baltimore, Maryland

Please call JWI directly at 1-800-343-2823 or visit www.jewishwomen.org/CallToAction if you would like more information or printed copies of the conference brochure.

News and Announcements:

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Declares May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

At its regular meeting on Monday, April 28th, 2003, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors proclaimed May 2003 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in Fairfax County. The commemoration aims to celebrate the contributions and achievements of Asian/Pacific Americans in all aspects of life in our community.

Food Stamp Program Changes

Beginning April 1st, 2003, immigrants who have lived in the United States for five years as qualified aliens, and who are otherwise eligible, will become eligible for Food Stamp Program benefits. USDA has announced that over the next six months it will work to communicate the eligibility changes through a variety of outreach activities, including Spanish-language radio announcements. More information is available on the Internet at www.fns.usda.gov/cga/PressReleases/2003/PR-0099.03.htm or at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/rules/Memo/Support/02/POLIMGRT.htm>.

To apply for food stamps in Fairfax County, contact the Department of Family Services at:

- (703) 787-4900 (Reston/Herndon)
- (703) 324-7500 (Fairfax)
- (703) 533-5300 (Falls Church)
- (703) 704-6353 (South County)

Support Group

The Parent Connection Support Group offers parents ongoing support and education with the assistance of a professional facilitator. Topics discussed include child development stages and expectations, discipline, communication, anger and stress management, and problem-solving skills. A separate group for children is led by a trained coordinator and volunteers. Both programs are free, and light refreshments will be served. Support groups are offered in both English and Spanish. Documentation of participation can be provided for mandated parents if necessary. If you would like to register, please contact Paola Martinez, Parent Connection Coordinator, at (703) 836-1820.

Alexandria Volunteer Bureau Has New Contact Information

Please note that the web-site and e-mail addresses for the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau have changed. Updated contact information is included below:

Alexandria Volunteer Bureau Web-site: www.AlexandriaVolunteers.com

General E-mail address: mail@AlexandriaVolunteers.com

To e-mail a member of the staff, please use the staff member's first name instead of "mail."

E-mail address for Aaron Spevacek, Executive Director: Aaron@AlexandriaVolunteers.com

Northern Virginia Family Service Has a New Address

Please note that Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) has a new address. Updated contact information is included below:

*Northern Virginia Family Service
10455 White Granite Drive, Suite 100
Oakton, VA 22124
(703) 385-5176
(703) 385-5176 FAX*

Resource and Grant Opportunities:

Free Child DNA Sampling Kits

Governor Mark R. Warner has announced that 80,000 free child DNA sampling kits are now available. Virginia's new car and truck dealers are providing the free kits, which are being distributed as part of the Governor's KIDsafe Virginia initiative, a comprehensive, 10-part program intended to boost child safety efforts in the Commonwealth. A list of participating dealerships is available at the auto dealers' web-site at www.vada.com.

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ETA Announces New FBCI Grants

The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives has announced the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) 2003 Solicitations for Grant Applications for Intermediary and Grassroots Faith-based and Community Organizations. These grant solicitations ask applicants to work with the local government's One-Stop Career Center/Workforce Development System to help people find, retain, and advance in employment. ETA has made available funds to invest in new faith-based and community organizations intermediaries. Information and applications can be found on www.dol.gov/cfbci/funding.htm.

- Intermediary Grants - applications due May 5th, 2003
 - Grants for Small Grassroots Organizations - applications due May 9th, 2003
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Job Opportunities:

Food For Others Job Opportunity

Food For Others Office Manager: This is a full-time position located in Merrifield, VA. It is performed in an office environment and works under the guidance of the Executive Director and the President of Food for Others, a non-profit organization.

Duties Include:

- Order office supplies.
- Receive and distribute mail.
- Prepare, produce, and mail newsletter.
- Prepare "thank you" correspondence for monetary and in-kind gifts.
- Make bank deposits.
- Enter deposits in computer.
- Collect and examine invoices, submitting to others for approval as appropriate.
- Keep petty cash and spending records.
- Prepare items to cut checks, enter paychecks, and do bank reconciliations.
- Have checks signed and distributed or mailed.
- Liaison with payroll service.
- Prepare and keep time sheets, personnel files, and retirement benefits.
- Store financial records.
- Handle NAP contributions.
- Recruit, train, and supervise office volunteers.
- Process emergency and USDA clients when short staffed.
- Liaison with post office branches prior to NALC food drive in May, and with Boy Scout leaders before their food drive in November.
- Daily - audit accountability forms, USDA, and Referral forms; fill in missing information or clarify uncertainties, try to correct any errors, corresponding with clients when necessary, ascertain correct jurisdictions, etc.
- Answer phone, when needed.
- Gather monthly records, input corrections to the food statistics report, prepare final printout. Review people counts for sites and special groups, coordinating these reports with the food statistics printout to identify missing numbers, try to obtain missing numbers, and approve final printout. Prepare figures for Progress Report.
- Tally Fairfax demographic forms monthly.

- Submit demographic and financial reports on Fairfax County contract, as well as quarterly requests for advances (online).
- Submit three-page monthly reports on Arlington contract, and quarterly advance requests.
- Assist Executive Director with statistics, copies of documents, etc.
- Keep record of milk and eggs distributed.
- Computer Skills needed in the use of MS Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access), MS Explorer, and Outlook.
- Maintain office machines and equipment.
- Produce correspondence, charts, and other written materials.
- Plan and coordinate tasks related to special events.

Desired skills and personal characteristics include:

- Knowledgeable of computer databases for the production of mailing labels and reports.
- Knowledgeable of the use of the Internet and WEB sites.
- Knowledgeable about the work of nonprofit organizations.
- Knowledgeable about Northern Virginia area.
- Capable of working effectively with staff, officers, directors, and volunteers.
- Ability to make timely decisions.
- Comfortable working in a small office frequently subject to serving numerous clients.
- Computer skills including email and web site administration.
- Communication skills including the ability to make presentations. Spanish language skills helpful.
- Comfortable as a fundraiser from foundations and the general public.
- Creative and entrepreneurial oriented.
- Availability at Food for Others' office daily.

Desired Experience: Relevant management experience desirable.

Compensation: Commensurate with experience and qualifications. Position is considered full time.

Community Fundraisers:

▪ **Monday, May 12th, 2003**

Volunteer Fairfax presents...

Fundraiser
10 Percent of All Food Sales to be Donated
Monday, May 12th, 2003
All Day
Tequila Grande
 444 Maple Avenue West
 Vienna, Virginia

Tequila Grande will donate 10 percent of all food sales in support of the programs and services of the Volunteer Center. For more information, please contact Jane Kornblut at (703) 246-3460 or e-mail jkornblut@volunteerfairfax.org.